

Be not witty at another's expense
Be sparing in raillery
Admire curiosities shewn you; but not too much.
Never whisper in company
Read no letters in company
Look not over one writing or reading.
Hum no tune in company, nor be any ways noisy
Walk gently
Stare in no one's face
Eat not too fast nor too slow.
Smell not to your meat when eating.
Spit not on the carpet
Offer not another your handkerchief
Take no snuff
Chew no tobacco
Withdraw on certain occasions imperceptibly
Hold no indelicate discourse.
Avoid all old tricks and habits;¹

and a few more excerpts from the Letters. Letter CCXIV, "We are more than half we are by imitation,"² Letter CLXV, "Imitate then, with discernment and judgment, the real perfections of the good company into which you may get; copy their politeness, their carriage, their address, and the ease and well bred turn of their conversation; but remember that, let them shine ever so bright,

1. Galateo, pp 267 f.

2. Chesterfield's Letters to His Son, p 302, Letter CCXIV.